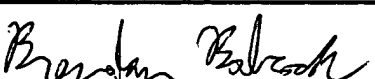
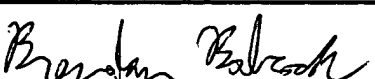
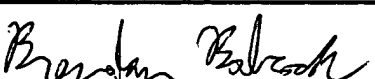


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1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	----
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	----
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	----
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